

Calendar

March:

- DNP 1 Session 1
- Nursing 1 Session 6
- MS 9 Session 3
- Nursing Evidence-based Practice Symposium
- Peds 4 Session 4
- 17th Annual Electroneuromyography Symposium
- National Society of Allied Health/AAPT Conference
- Art and Science of Health Promotion Conference

April:

- HPW 2 Session 3
- Kansas PTA Conference
- AOTA Conference

May:

- TDPT 10 Session 1
- TOTD 6 Session 1

Spotlights!

- Congratulations to Jon Carling (Ortho), Eric Bull (Ortho), Susan Ryerson (Advanced Neuro), Billie Williams (Ortho), and Glenna Batson (Neuro) who have successfully defended their dissertations!
- Good luck to John Palazzo (Clinical Electro) and Jim Downs (Clinical Electro), who defend their dissertations in March!
- Bob Sellin (CE DSc, Vice Chair, RMUoHP Board of Trustees) became president of the Kentucky Physical Therapy Association on January 1, 2006.
- Micheal Clark (DPT) was named as the Team Physical Therapist for the Phoenix Suns. Mike also published a consumer book with Harper Collins "OPT for Basketball", which can be purchased at www.opt-online.info.
- Abel Dafiaghor (DPT), founder of Procure Home Health Services, appeared on the cover of Northwest Indiana Business Quarterly (a supplement of Indiana Business Magazine) and was one of eight individuals honored at the Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards!

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RMUoHP launches new DNP program and Evidence-Based Nursing Practice Symposium

During the week of March 10-16, 2006, twenty advance practice nurses from across the United States convened on campus at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (RMUoHP) in Provo, Utah to participate in the University's inaugural Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) class. The DNP curriculum is designed to prepare advanced clinical leaders to effect change through system redesign and evidence-based decision making in a variety of clinical settings.

"Our model is unique," said Dr. Stanley Hartgraves, RMUoHP Vice President of Academic Affairs. "When students are admitted, they receive reading assignments that are completed before the on-campus sessions. Students and professors from across the United States assemble on campus for an intensive didactic week and then return to their homes to finish assignments, projects and exams. For the DNP program, students complete this process three times and finish with a capstone project."

"We are delighted with our recruitment and admission of twenty advanced practice nurses that include practitioners in many specialties, the armed services, and academia," said Dr. Roger Green, DNP, ARNP, FNP, BC, FAANP, the Co-Graduate Program Director.

Kara Baxter, MS, FNP-C and DNP doctoral student from McKinney, TX stated, "With the limited residency model I am able to continue practicing full-time as a clinician while working on my doctoral degree. The RMUoHP staff and expert instructors are the heart of the program. They, as well as the students, bring

multi-disciplinary clinical knowledge and expertise to this program."

Sandra Pennington, PhD, RN and Co-Graduate Program Director commented that this nursing program is the first DNP program in the state of Utah. The program is consistent with the RMUoHP mission and is geared to developing master healthcare professionals and leaders with advanced, evidence-based skills who critically review the literature, participate in research, and advance knowledge through publications and dissemination of scholarly and clinical endeavors.

On March 17, 2006, RMUoHP hosted the First Annual Evidence-based Practice Symposium: Enhancing Knowledge and Ensuring Quality Outcomes. Speakers for the symposium were Marthe Moseley, PhD, RN, CRN, CCNS, RMUoHP Associate Professor of Nursing and Clinical Nurse Specialist for Critical Care, South Texas Veterans Health Care System, Audie Murphy Hospital, San Antonio; and Judith DePalma, PhD, RN, RMUoHP Professor of Nursing, Associate Professor of Nursing, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA. Over thirty nurses and nursing students participated in this meeting and were awarded 6.3 contact hours by the South Texas Veterans Health Care System.

"We are proud to support the nursing profession and are committed to development of quality nursing programs," said Dr. Richard P. Nielsen, President of RMUoHP. "The national shortage of nursing professionals and educators is critical and we will continue to expand our efforts to better educate and train those with a passion for nursing."

RMUoHP's Graduate Student Council and Alumni Board

RMUoHP has an active Graduate Student Council (GSC) and Alumni Board, which support communication between the University, active students, and graduates. These boards facilitate RMUoHP's efforts for constant growth and development.

The GSC, which is made up of current students across all degree programs, meets several times per year via teleconference. The object of the GSC is to represent the students of RMUoHP and to meet the needs and interests of the students during their matriculation at RMUoHP. The GSC has two primary functions: to address the needs of the students of RMUoHP and to act as a liaison between students and the administration.

The Alumni Board, which also meets several times per year via teleconference, has several objectives:

1. Develop, foster, cultivate, and maintain a unified Alumni Association, representative of the best traditions of RMUoHP;
2. Sustain a general concern and interest in the good fortunes of RMUoHP and to encourage its support from the composite groups in its history; and,
3. Develop programs for alumni to enable them to continue their affiliation with RMUoHP, its activities, programs, and learning experiences.

Students and alumni who would like to get involved or have ideas or recommendations are encouraged to contact GSC or Alumni Board representatives through Jessica Egbert, Vice President of Student Services, at jegbert@rmuohp.edu.



Alumni Spotlight

**Robert Sellin,
PT, DSc, ECS**

Robert Sellin, PT, DSc, ECS, graduate of RMUoHP's Clinical Electrophysiology DSc program, became a physical therapist in 1978. Sellin served in the Navy for 16 years and earned a Masters degree from USC. In 1989, Sellin became Board Certified in Clinical Electrophysiology by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS). He has since worked with the ABPTS as a member of the Board and has been actively involved with the APTA, serving previously as publication chair and president of the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology. Sellin has served as a visiting lecturer to RMUoHP, Marquette University, Pacific University, University of the Pacific, University of Indianapolis, and the University of Kentucky. Sellin is currently director of electrophysiologic testing for Professional Rehabilitation Associates of Lexington, Kentucky. Additionally, Sellin serves as Vice Chair of the RMUoHP Board of Trustees. In January 2006, Sellin began serving as the President of the Kentucky Physical Therapy Association. Sellin cites his most significant accomplishment in this role (for such a brief time in office) as, "...working with the Athletic Trainers in [Kentucky] to develop an athletic trainer certification bill that met the needs of both professions." Sellin also commented, "I am hoping to apply the leadership and analytic skills I developed while working on my DSc at RMUoHP, to the needs of the Kentucky physical therapy association." Regarding his former student, Michael Skurja, Jr., PT, MS, ECS, (Graduate Program Director, Clinical Electrophysiology Program) said, "A friend and colleague for over 20 years, Bob Sellin is a talented leader and consummate clinician. His professionalism is balanced with his frequent smile and extraordinary wit."

This Alumni or Student Spotlight is a new, regular feature on the unique accomplishments of outstanding alumni or students as identified specifically by the faculty of RMUoHP.

Spotlights! (Continued)

- Loquintha Rex (DNP) was awarded one of two presidential scholarships available annually at RMUoHP. Congratulations!
- Prakash Navni (DPT) became a certified pedorthist and purchased a 51 bed skilled nursing facility in Illinois. Prakash also owns a rehab agency with 110 total employees.
- Ron Bybee (DPT) was recognized in *PT Magazine*, having received the William Gould Memorial Outstanding PT Faculty Award!
- Lynette Collier (OTD) was promoted to Executive Director of Development at Great River Medical Center in Iowa!
- Dennis Spillane (Chair, RMUoHP Board of Trustees) was awarded the *Clarence W. Hultgren CPTA Service Award* by the California Physical Therapy Association.
- Dr. Lori Thein Brody (Ortho Sports DSc Program Director) received the Ron Peyton Award at Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA. This is the highest service award offered by Sport Section of the APTA.
- Patricia Braun (Nursing) was acknowledged in the first quarter 2006 *Journal of Nursing Scholarship* as consultant for the research on adults with neural tubal defects.
- Eunice Shen (Peds) published a book chapter! **Shen EYC**. Genetics and delayed development. In Umphred D, Carls on C, eds. *Neurorehabilitation for the physical therapist assistant*. Thorofare, NJ: Slack Inc; 2006.
- Florence Thillet-Bice (Peds) published a book chapter! **Thillet-Bice F**. Cultural Considerations for the Latino/Hispanic Client. In: Lattanzi JB, Purnell LD, eds. *Developing Cultural Competence in Physical Therapy Practice*. Philadelphia, PA: F A Davis Co; 2006.
- Marilyn Schwartz (Medical Librarian) was elected as secretary of the Utah Health Sciences Library Consortium.
- Dr. Mitch Rauh (Director of Research) published in three journals this quarter!
 - Nichols JF, **Rauh MJ**, Lawson M, Ji M, Barkai HS. Prevalence of the female athlete triad syndrome among high school athletes. *Arch Ped Adol Med*, 2006;160(2):137-142.
 - **Rauh MJ**, Koepsell TD, Rivara FP, Margherita AJ, Rice SG. Epidemiology of musculoskeletal injuries among high school cross country runners, *Am J Epidemiol* 2006;163: 151-159.
 - Shaffer RA, **Rauh MJ**, Trone DW, Brodine SK, Macera CA. Predictors of stress fracture susceptibility in young women recruits. *Am J Sports Med* 2006;34(1):108-115.
- Lynne Romeiser-Logan (Peds) published in *Pediatric Exercise Science*. Unnithan V, Kenne E, **Logan L**, Collier, Turk M. The effect of partial body weight support on the oxygen cost of walking in children and adolescents with spastic cerebral palsy. *Pediatric Exercise Science*, 2006;17:11-21.
- Mark Waldrop (DPT) published in the *Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy*. **Waldrop M**. Diagnosis and treatment of cervical radiculopathy using a clinical prediction rule and a multimodal intervention approach. *JOSPT*;2006;36(3):152-159.

Have news to share? Email Jessica Egbert at jegbert@rmuohp.edu!

"You can complain because roses have thorns, or you can rejoice because thorns have roses."
 -Tom Wilson

Resource Center Updates Marilyn Schwartz, MLS

Reminders

- Please use the trial of the CINAHL and SportDiscus databases from the vendor, EBSCO. As of July, Ovid will no longer offer CINAHL and SportDiscus. To access these databases, visit <http://search.epnet.com>. And use the username **rocky** and the password **ebsco**.
- The unique identifier or accession numbers should be included on your requests for interlibrary loans. The unique id, PubMed id or accession numbers are used for automatic routing to a library owning the journal. The numbers help verify references as required before requesting that another library send article(s).

Literature Searching Tips

- **Table of contents for journal.** If you want to know what has been published recently in your favorite journal(s), use the "journal" button on the Ovid search screen. Type in your favorite

title and click "perform search." The system will show how many were retrieved for the selected database. When you scroll down, you'll see the most recently indexed articles first. This strategy provides a "table of contents" view of your favorite journal. In PubMed, you may type in the journal title followed by [jour].

- **Retrieving articles a second time quickly to print full text.** If you have a reference from MEDLINE or CINAHL that you printed out, and the printout shows that it has full text, you may go back into the database and put the unique identifier number or accession number in CINAHL to retrieve the reference again quickly. Example: 123456.ui. Then, click on "full text," choose .pdf if available and the whole article will show. In PubMed, an example is: 123456 [pmid] In CINAHL, the search would look like: 2006120023.an.